



Community Relations Service  
U.S. Department of Justice

## ***Conflict Resolution Assistance in Indian Country***

The Community Relations Service (CRS) provides conflict resolution and prevention assistance on a wide variety of issues and disputes involving Native American tribes, communities, and Federal, State and local officials on or near reservations. Native American tribal sovereignty recognition was reaffirmed by the “Indian Self-Determination Contract Reform Act of 1994.”

*Examples of possible situations in which CRS provides assistance may include:*

- Use of reservation lands for sanitary and hazardous waste landfill
- Leasing of tribal lands to non-tribal members for housing and business
- Cross-deputization of law enforcement between tribal and non-tribal law enforcement agencies
- Employment of non-tribal members in tribal organizations and businesses
- Public demonstration activities such as those involving sports teams' use of Native American names and symbols and Columbus Day Parades
- Equal educational opportunities and fair disciplining of Native American students in public schools
- Return of Native American remains when burial grounds are discovered during land development
- Hunting and fishing rights under Native American treaties on and off reservation properties
- Hunting and fishing rights and seasons on reservation property for non-tribal members; jurisdiction of State and Federal Agencies
- Disposition of Native American religious artifacts
- Use of Native American religious sites on Federal Park lands, including restriction of sites to Native Americans during ceremonies

*CRS has several mediation and conflict management programs for Native American communities and tribal governments in managing and preventing racial or ethnic disruptions. Examples include:*

- Conflict Resolution Services: CRS resolves community conflicts between-community members, tribal leaders, tribal governments, law enforcement agencies, and the Federal Government.
- Mediation of Public Safety Issues: CRS mediates racial conflict between Native American communities and neighboring communities, including Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.
- Conflict Management and Cultural Awareness Training For Staff: CRS provides training for administrators, faculty, security personnel, and building staff in racial conflict contingency planning and management or multi-cultural situations.
- School/Community Based program: CRS facilitates meetings of students, school officials, police, parents, and tribal leaders identifying and prioritizing problems, and developing long-term plans to resolved these problems.

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# THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE

*The Community Relations Service (CRS), an Agency of the U.S. Department of Justice, has been charged by the Congress to be the principal Federal agency to address racial and ethnic conflict in the United States (42 U.S.C. 2000g) For almost 40 years CRS has been the Federal Government's first line of defense against racial unrest. CRS focuses on the prevention and the resolution of interracial tensions, conflicts, or violence by assisting local officials and tribal leaders and community leaders in responding to riots, demonstrations, civil disorders, and widespread frustrations over issues involving discriminatory practices. CRS also assists local law enforcement to improve their relations and activities with local minority communities.*

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